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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 5934

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TAGS: PBOR, GT, BH, UK

SUBJECT: BELIZE DISPUTE: FIRST GOG REACTIONS TO UK DRAFT RESOLUTION

REF: USUN 5259

1. AT DINNER EVENING OCTOBER 24 AMBASSADOR HAD A BRIEF TALK WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MOLINA ORANTES. AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD WELCOME GOG VIEWS ON DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BELIZE WHEN GOG HAS HAD TIME TO STUDY IT. MOLINA REPLIED HE COULD GIVE GOG VIEWS NOW. HE HAD READ DRAFT CAREFULLY AND DISCUSSED IT BRIEFLY ALTHOUGH NOT IN DEPTH WITH PRESIDENT.

2. SPEAKING QUIETLY, CALMLY AND REASONABLY, MOLINA SAID IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR GOG TO ACCEPT DRAFT AS IT STOOD. UK HAD SAID PRESENT DRAFT WAS THE TENTH VERSION. AT THAT RATE, PERHAPS GOG COULD ACCEPT THE THIRTIETH REDRAFT. HE NOTED WRYLY, HOWEVER, THAT UK HAD SAID IT WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER GUATEMALAN SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES IN FORM BUT NOT IN SUBSTANCE.

3. IT WAS INTERESTING THAT MOLINA SPOKE ONLY OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
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FIVE, AT LEAST AT THIS TIME, AND MADE NO REFERENCE TO ANY OTHER

ASPECT OF THE UK DRAFT. HE SAID GOG WANTS TO NEGOTIATE BUT CAN SCARCELY BE EXPECTED TO DO SO UNDER THE NARROWLY RESTRICTIVE TERMS OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH FIVE WHICH TIES GUATEMALA'S HANDS AND PREJUDGES THE RESULT.

4. FOREIGN MINISTER AGREED TO TALK FURTHER WITH AMBASSADOR AFTER HE HAD CONSULTED AT GREATER LENGTH WITH PRESIDENT. MELOY

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